

# House File 2280 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2007)

## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to subject and performance-based assessments  
2 administered prior to a student's completion of a  
3 practitioner preparation program.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 256.16, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code  
2 2018, is amended to read as follows:

3     a. ~~(1)~~ Administer a preprofessional skills test offered  
4 by a nationally recognized testing service to practitioner  
5 preparation program admission candidates. Rules adopted shall  
6 require institutions to deny admission to the program to any  
7 candidate who does not successfully pass the test.

~~(2) Administer, prior to a student's completion of the practitioner preparation program and subject to the director's approval, subject assessments designed by a nationally recognized testing service that measure pedagogy and knowledge of at least one subject area; or, a valid and reliable subject-area-specific, performance-based assessment for preservice teacher candidates, centered on student learning. A student shall not successfully complete the program unless the student achieves scores above the twenty-fifth percentile nationally on the assessments administered pursuant to this subparagraph.~~

### EXPLANATION

20 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
21 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

22 This bill strikes a requirement that postsecondary  
23 institutions with an approved practitioner preparation program  
24 administer a subject or performance-based assessment to a  
25 student prior to the student's completion of the program, and  
26 concomitantly strikes the requirement that a student achieve a  
27 score above the 25th percentile nationally on the assessment.